

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY

7:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 5, 2014

This Regular Meeting of Council was called to order on the above-stated date at the above-stated time after the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence by President of Council Richard Dellapenna with the following Members of Council present:

**RC-1 PRESENT: JAMIE BREWSTER-FILOTEI, FAWN
 WALKER-MONTGOMERY, JAMES
 BARRY, KEITH SOLES, DALE
 McCALL, RICHARD DELLAPENNA**

ABSENT: DANIEL CARR

Ms. Williams said Mr. Carr is ill and will not be attending the meeting.

Also present were Mayor Michael Cherepko, City Administrator Matthew Gergely, City Solicitor J. Jason Elash and members of the Administration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**MOTION: Mr. McCall moved, seconded by Ms.
 Brewster-Filotei, "To approve the minutes for
 the Public Hearing of September 30, 2014
 and the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2014."**

**RC-2 YEAS: BREWSTER-FILOTEI, WALKER-
 MONTGOMERY, BARRY, SOLES, McCALL,
 DELLAPENNA..... 6**

NAYS: NONE..... 0

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Received a letter from James G. Humanic, Director of Human Resources/Assistant to the Business Manager of the McKeesport Area School District, notifying the City that the McKeesport Area School District approved Resolution #1101, extending residential and commercial tax abatement programs through December 31, 2015.
- Received the Fire Report from Fire Chief Kevin Lust for the month of October 2014.
- Received the Police Report from Chief of Police Bryan Washowich for the month of October 2014.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Cherepko said thank you Mr. President. He said he will be extremely brief. He said he has two things this evening. He said the first thing he would like to mention is that they should all recall about three or four years ago that the City had to sign a VCA when he was Council President. He said it is a Voluntary Compliance Agreement with HUD. He said HUD was not happy with the way the City's CD Department was being run. He said the City was not in compliance on many different issues and the City had to sign an agreement that required the City to be looked at through a microscope for three years. He said many felt that this was probably the end of McKeesport having its own CD money. He said keep in mind that McKeesport and Penn Hills are the only two entities that have their own money, everyone else applies through Allegheny County each and every year. He said he is very pleased to say that the City's

relationship with HUD has improved dramatically. He said they currently have a very good relationship with HUD and are in compliance with everything and he received a letter officially terminating the Voluntary Compliance Agreement. He said the City is no longer under the VCA. He said they will continue to operate as if they were under the Agreement because they know that is what HUD expects and will continue to make sure they do everything they need to do. He said they will dot their "I"s and cross their "T"s so that they don't ever have to be put in that situation again here in the City of McKeesport. He said he wanted Council and the public to know that. He said other than that, the only other thing he has ... and he apologizes because he did have a memo written up for Reverend James Brown which he initialed but unfortunately he doesn't think it ever made it to Ms. Williams' desk so he apologizes. He said the memo was a recommendation for Council to approve Reverend James Brown of Rainbow Temple to be added to the Recreation Board. He said he would like a motion for that and a second as well as Council's approval. He said Reverend Brown is very involved in the community and with the youth. He said just so everyone knows, this was an appointment that came ... and although he officially makes the recommendation ... from the Recreation Board. He said they are the ones who came up with this individual. He said they are recommending him and as Mayor he is honoring their selection. He said he doesn't think they could have found a better pick.

MOTION: **Mr. Barry moved, seconded by Ms. Brewster-Filotei, "To appoint Reverend James Brown to the Recreation Board."**

RC-3 YEAS: BREWSTER-FILOTEI, WALKER-MONTGOMERY, BARRY, SOLES, McCALL, DELLAPENNA..... 6

NAYS: NONE..... 0

- Mayor Cherepko said that concludes his report.

CITIZENS IN THE AUDIENCE:

There were no citizens who wished to speak.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2014-41 – BILL #72: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF McKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING A REQUEST FROM CHRISTOPHER DULL OF PENNZOIL QUICK LUBE, INC., FOR A REVERSE SUBDIVISION TO COMBINE FIVE (5) LOTS INTO ONE (1) LOT.

MOTION: Mr. Soles moved, seconded by Mr. McCall, "To adopt Bill #72."

COMMENTS:

Mayor Cherepko said this is Pennzoil located at the corner of Hartman and Fifth Avenue. He said Chris Dull has been the owner for several years and does a tremendous business. He said Chris takes a lot of pride in what his establishment looks like, cosmetically speaking. He said when you drive down the road, they will probably not see a service station as clean or as immaculate as this one. He said Chris takes a lot of pride in that. He said Chris is looking to expand yet again and it will be the fourth time he has expanded that facility. He said this will be one bay added but actually two bays of work because instead of driving straight through like the other ones, they can pull in horizontally and back out. He said that way, Chris will be able to

do some more things down there. He said he applauds Chris' efforts and wishes him the best of luck.

RC-4 YEAS: BREWSTER-FILOTEI, WALKER-
 MONTGOMERY, BARRY, SOLES, McCALL,
 DELLAPENNA..... 6

 NAYS: NONE..... 0

CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

Mr. Walsh said the total for the bills was \$67,122.51. He said everything is order and he would like Council to approve payment of those bills.

MOTION: **Ms. Brewster-Filotei moved, seconded by Mr. McCall, "To approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$67,122.51."**

RC-5 YEAS: BREWSTER-FILOTEI, WALKER-
 MONTGOMERY, BARRY, SOLES, McCALL,
 DELLAPENNA..... 6

 NAYS: NONE..... 0

ADJOURNMENT:

President Richard Dellapenna adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

APPROVED:

Patricia A. Williams
 City Clerk and Clerk of Council

Richard Dellapenna
 President of Council

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